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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Ming Hao Zheng, et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1651 : :
Appln. No.:	10/672,947	: Examiner: David M. Naff : :
Filed:	September 26, 2003	: Attorney Docket : :
For:	AUTOLOGOUS CELLS ON A SUPPORT MATRIX FOR TISSUE REPAIR	: No. 054756-5050-00 : :

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response to the Restriction Requirement responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 14, 2006, in the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time and associated fee, which extends the deadline for responding to and through August 14, 2006.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a tissue repair structure containing a support matrix and stem cells. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the same or different subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

Favorable examination of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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